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Cophers, Weeds and Governments

The story of some kind hearted Men.

Did you ever stop to consider the hard lot of some thinkers to consider how some things have been hungry and unhappy for years and years. Take for instance, animals, and weeds, and government. Think of the poor copher. He is a little creature, sort of brownish in color, who scurries about in the fields and dais holes and things. He does a little damage at times but then so does a child. He eats grass (the copher you know) but then he eats it because he's hungry and who could be so heartless as to deny him a tiny kernel of grain. Now the copher is essentially a cheery little chap but his life has been a hard one for the past few years. The obliging farmers have sown their crops as usual and each year our little friends expected to live off the fat of the land. But no—Mother Nature can be cruel at times and each year she has sent winds and drought and burnt the nice green fields so that Mr. Copher has had slim pickings and he has grown lean and scrawny. These past few years he's had a look in his eye that would make a murderer weep. Of course, the government has tried to help, but as usual it was not successful. It has taxed and taxed and molasses and other strange ingredients and fed the cophers and they thrived for a while. But now this long-enduring animal is literally dying for lack of nice grain fields. But, gentle reader, do not despair for him because we have news that will warm the cockles of your heart. I will tell you with pride that among your fellow citizens are several prominent men who are determined to alleviate the suffering; but stop, I am getting ahead of my story.

Let us consider the case of weeds. Now the weed is a peculiar plant, for though it thrives in any weather it is not really happy. When it can grow up in a nice wheat field and choke out the crop or at least cripple it, then it is truly happy.

Now gentle reader, we have studied cophers and weeds so let us continue our study and consider the lot of our present government. It is a truly miserable thing. Although it taxes every conceivable thing from bankers to gasolins to revenues to literally everything, some cynics may point out that this particular government is collecting each year 6 million dollars more than previous governments. But let us maintain that its revenues are inadequate for times have changed since 1935. Lumber is expensive, and our government is paying for a Social Credit board. Also its dignity is more dignified and it needs more expensive tricks and to maintain that dignity. And so with all these things we find our present government struggling to balance an unbalanced budget. Now when a budget is unbalanced, ideas are at a premium. So an M.P. had a Big Idea and called it the 7% Production Tax. But enough of this for the present.

Have patience, dear reader, for our story is drawing to a close. We have studied cophers and things, and we have seen what a terrible plight our province is in. But cheer up!—for help is near at hand. As we mentioned before, we have in Bassano several prominent men—now men, also call them angels of mercy. For they have yearned over the unfortunate plight of cophers and weeds and the government, and their hearts have been ever within them. But they are men of action—men who will stop at nothing to relieve the suffering of others and so they are digging down into their pockets for money to put in a crop. Yes, gentle reader, that's what we said.

But don't condemn them! Think rather of the wonderful thing they are doing! They are going to raise some wheat—some beautiful, beautiful wheat. Then the cophers will eat a third, the weeds will choke out another third, and the Production Tax will gobble up the balance. What big hearted men we have in our town. By spending their hard-earned dollars they feed the cophers, make the

TAX LEVY RATE TO REMAIN SAME AS LAST YEAR

G. Thompson Sadly Mourned by Many Friends

The late George Thompson was born at Elton Abernethy, Scotland, September 29th, 1882. At the age of seventeen he enlisted for service in the Devon War, where he spent three years under the command of General French, and in 1902 he took up the Granite Cutters' trade at Barre, Vermont. He married Emma Fraser on February 4, 1904 and at this union there were four children, Mrs. C. B. Hay of Okotoks, Doris of Vegreville, Lloyd and Ray of Coonstons. Mr. Thompson came to Coonstons, Alberta in 1912 where he has farmed since. Besides his wife and family he leaves a mother and several half-brothers and sisters in Scotland to mourn his loss.

Mr. Thompson was a well known figure in the Bassano and Coonstons vicinity. He took an active part in all community undertakings and his passing is a severe loss to the district. He had the deep respect and kind fellowship of all who knew him. The community joins as one in expressing the deepest sympathy to his widow and children at this time of their great sorrow.

Following a service in the Presbyterian Church the interment of the body took place in the Bassano Cemetery. The following acted as pall-bearers: Ralph Harvey, James Shap, Harry Cowan, Howard Ferguson, Julius Jensen and Max Gamble.

Rainfall Again Delays Seeding

Rain falling in this district again delays seeding operations this week when heavy showers fell on the first four days of this week. Land is now in a very perfect condition from the moisture standpoint, being more suitable than it has been for years. Considerable work on lands was accomplished last week-end, but the showers held off for a brief spell, giving farmers on dry lands an opportunity to resume operations.

In the Gen. District, roads are now in poor condition, and operations are practically at a standstill. The Coonstons area has been exempted a very heavy shower that fell on this district on Tuesday afternoon, although it received a greater shower early Wednesday morning than was received here.

Rain gauge readings at the Bassano Dam indicated that a total of 34.4 inches of rain fell since last Thursday morning, giving a total of 126 inches in the last two weeks.

UNITY COUNCIL FORMED

Agreement of six prominent Albertans to act on his provincial Unity Council, was announced by John I. McFarland, Calgary, this week.

The new council members are: Mrs. Irene Parry, Alfr. J. Perry, Pige, (internationally known coach of the Edmonton Grays); W. D. Spence, former Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Chairman of Alberta Tax Commission; Edmonton; Francis Austin, farmer, Hanilton; J. Harold McLean, farmer, Pigeon Grove; and McKinnon, farmer, Carleton.

Names of additional men and women to bring the Council to a total of 16 will soon be announced, stated Mr. McFarland, and a meeting in early summer is scheduled.

Think happy and the government happier still.

And, dear reader, think of the satisfaction they will get from the thought of the benefits (to others) of their humanitarian act. And of course there is the possibility, just the barest faintest possibility that they MAY make a profit for themselves at the same time.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Fathers was held on Monday night of this week in the Town Hall, Bassano. Mayor Playfair occupied the chair, and five Council members were present.

The By-Laws reported the Social Service Tax and the Mill Rate for the 1938 term was introduced and passed. Mill Rates were the same as those of last year, and were as follows:

Mill Rate	
General Municipal Rate	25 mills
School Rate	15 mills
Hospital Tax	3 mills
Social Service Tax	3 mills
Total	46 mills
School Rate, farm lands	15 mills

A discount of 10 per cent will be allowed on all current taxes (except Hospital and Social Service Taxes) if paid on or before June 15th 1938; or a discount of 5 per cent if paid on or before the 1st of July, 1938. If payment is made on or before the 1st of August, 1938, a discount of 3 per cent is allowed. All taxes that remain unpaid by the first of January, 1939, are subject to a penalty of 1 per cent every six months thereafter, so long as they remain unpaid.

The Town Engineer reported that the disposal plant had been repaired, and that there had been three leaks at the water main during the month. The pump at the pumping station, located near the dam south of town, were run during the month, and were found to be in good working order.

The report of the Secretary Treasurer for the month of April was read and accepted.

The following Accounts, as recommended by the Finance Committee, were ordered to be paid:

Alberta Gov. Telephone	45.00
Calgary Power Co. Ltd.	397.00
Pay-Rolls for April	16.00
Workmen's Compensation Bd.	12.00
Adam Holdings	4.50
Provincial Treasurer	1.50
Burrages Adding Machine Co.	14.00
Alfa, Pacific Grain Co. Ltd.	6.80
W. B. Playfair	29.21
Metals Limited	30.00
Alfa-National Drug Co. Ltd.	0.25
Sawyer Stores, Calgary	2.00
Andrew McKee	35.40
James Johnston	5.16
Louis Conn	25.87
Bassano Recorder	16.00
Union of Alta. Municipalities	96.52
Total	965.52

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES IN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Mother's Day will be fittingly commemorated in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 8th, when special morning and evening services are to be held in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Bassano.

The Sunday School Service at 11 a.m. in the morning, will take the form of a program, to which all parents and friends are heartily invited to attend. Pupils of the various Sunday School Classes will contribute numbers to the program.

Special music by the Choir has been arranged for the evening service, which commences at 7:30 p.m. The speaker, Mr. Richard Mann, will give a very appropriate address to the presence on the subject, "Motherhood." Don't forget—All roads lead to the Knox Presbyterian Church, Bassano, on Sunday, May 8th, when a Special Mother's Day Program awaits your enjoyment.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to us in our recent bereavement and also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Emma Thompson and family

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Mr. F. Rodhouse and family thank the many friends of Mackenzie and Groff and district for the flowers and sympathy in their sad bereavement.

H.W. Harper Elected President of Golf Club

At a fairly well attended meeting of the Bassano Golf Club, held on Thursday night of last week in Dr. Keith's office, Mr. H. W. Harper was elected President of the organization for the coming season. Mr. Harper is an enthusiastic golf fan, and under his direction, the Club should have a very successful season.

The remainder of the slate of officers for the coming year are as follows: Vice-President—Gerrit, Clark; Sec. Treas.—Mr. M. A. Haynes; Greens Committee—Dr. A. G. Scott; Dr. W. P. Keith and Mr. H. B. Riley.

Work on the greens on the local golf course commenced a week ago and already a green has been placed in first class shape. On Sunday of this week a number of local golfers played on the greens, and it was a leveling off of the sand around the cups. On Sunday next, weather permitting, it is the intention of members of the Club to start preparing other greens, and thus have the course in first class shape in the very near future.

Plan Junior Golf Club

Attention of the meeting was drawn to the matter of the formation of a Junior Golf Club in conjunction with the Senior Club. A number of the young people of Bassano are interested in golf, and it was the opinion of the meeting that if they were organized into their own club, keen interest would be shown. It was decided that the formation of such a club would be endeavored later on in the season. In the meantime, all Juniors are encouraged to turn out and show their intentions of enjoying this recreation.

To Move Club House

Due to the portion of the Golf course being held by the R.C.M. for the purpose of setting up experimental plots, it was found necessary to move the Club House from its present location on the south side of the course. The Club House will be located on a lot near the Hospital grounds in the future.

School Concert Friday Night

The postponed School Concert will be held on Friday of this week in the L.O.O.P. Hall, Bassano, and promises to be one of the most entertaining of the kind so far this season. A new hall has been erected in the Hall and everything is in readiness for the occasion. Due to the postponement of the Concert on account of the fire in the Masonic Hall, much extra work has been accomplished in fully rounding out the program, thus all are assured of real enjoyable entertainment.

An afternoon matinee will be held at 2:30 for the benefit of the mothers and younger children wishing to attend. Admission prices for this performance will be, Adults 15c, Children 10c.

The Evening performance will commence promptly at 8:15 p.m.—do not be late and have to take a back seat. Admission, Adults 25c Children 15c.

Due to the rooms at the north end of the hall being used to assist in putting on the show, the school entrance will be opened for admittance. Please note this—the south entrance will be open.

Following the program, the hall will be cleared of stage and seats, and a few hours of dancing will be enjoyed by all who wish to partake. Casey and Don will supply the music.

The Recorder joins with the many friends in this District of Mr. Frank Rodhouse and family of Groffville, in extending to them deepest sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

Herbert Jones, Old-Timer of District Passes

The body of Herbert Jones, old-timer in Bassano and one of the district, was found dead this morning by searchers, who had been looking for the deceased for two days, in Harry Wain's lease field near of Bassano. Death appears to have occurred from natural causes, probably due to a heart attack.

On Tuesday a saddle horse was found in Mr. Wain's lease field saddled and bridled and in bad condition. It was recognized as belonging to John Jones. The matter was immediately reported to Sergeant Clark of the R.C.M. at Bassano who organized a search party and instituted an effort to trace the movements of the deceased.

Track of Mr. Jones was obtained at Brooks over the weekend, but the last that appears to have been seen of him alive was a Blackstone's Ranch near Castle, when he was observed last Sunday afternoon riding the horse in question and harrying a steer towards his home ranch.

The deceased was an old-timer in this district and well known to the surrounding fraternity. He owned a considerable amount of property South East of Bassano mostly grazing lands. An expert horseman, Mr. Jones at one time ran a splendid bunch of horses, which he sold for polo purposes and to the army for remounts. He originally came to this district from around Okotoks, where he at one time conducted ranching operations, but came to the Bassano district sometime around 1913.

It is not known if Mr. Jones left any relatives in this country, but it is stated that he may have a sister at Mrs. Penn, Alta. Mr. Jones was never married. He was a well-known man in the community, and was a member of the R.C.M. and the Bassano district. He was a well-known man in the community, and was a member of the R.C.M. and the Bassano district. He was a well-known man in the community, and was a member of the R.C.M. and the Bassano district.

Lecturer to Visit Bassano

Rev. Wastner McNamee, D.D.B.R., noted lecturer will conduct several lectures in Bassano in the near future, under the auspices of the St. Columbus R.C. Church. This will be a real treat for the people of this district as Father McNamee is a clever and entertaining lecturer, well versed in the field of the R.C. Church. His first address will be given on Sunday, May 15th in the local Roman Catholic Church.

MAKEPEACE NOTES

Everybody's Pal: Makepeace School.

This column will be sponsored by the Makepeace School. We hope to make it interesting for both, the people of this Community, and also for other subscribers of the Bassano Recorder. Excerpts from our School Journal and local news will be included.

Donald Nald had a fruit farm. He liked very much to experiment crossing different kinds of fruit to see what he could get.

"Did I ever get anything?" asked Edward Madsen.

"Oh yes!" Donald. "I crossed a watermelon plant with a spiny sack, and got something out of it."

I guess spring is here for good at least the thermometer says so.

The teacher sent home a note stating that Billy Johnson has distinguished himself about it. Next day Billy brought an answer which stated: "I don't exactly know what Billy did but I gave him a walloping last night and you can give him another one to-day."

Not so ignorant. Maybe old times were ignorant but they could produce vehicle that wasn't stopped by a rusty nail.

Countess Notes

Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Dale Ferguson and Miss Bonnie Ferguson called on Mrs. Swanson on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. McIntosh entertained a number of children at a birthday party in honor of her daughter Peggy on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes and family were visitors at the Ross home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Gen. spent Sunday at Ennis.

Mr. Pickett has been visiting the past week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Goodie.

Elleanor Ferry entertained a few friends at a birthday dinner.

Mrs. Heldt, Fred, Mae and Jimmie were Gen. visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson spent Sunday afternoon at the Gamble home.

Mr. Hayes has received his supply of bees for this year and has started on the 1938 honey crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Swanson were guests at the McIntosh home Saturday afternoon.

Scout Notes

The regular meeting of the Bassano Boy Scout Troop was held on Thursday evening of last week, with Scout Master McLaws at the helm. A near full attendance of scouts were present when roll call was made at 7:30.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to Platoon Drill, under the leadership of S. McEwan and P. L. Rasmussen and Curran, and Section Drill under the leadership of Norman Ingberg and Ramsey Broadbent. These exercises were performed on the vacant field just north of the school. The troop, following this, then moved to the basement of the school, where a stiff Physical Training workout was conducted.

The boys were then informed of the new regulations regarding the Schedule for Troop Inspection. Last year the troop made their own schedule, but this year they have a definite program to follow. The first aid Corps will consist of Scouts under 15 years of age at the date of inspection. The first aid Corps will be led by Capt. R.E. Morton of Military District No. 13. Last year the local troop wore the shield for this inspection, and it is the intention of the Boys to retain it again this year if possible.

RIDDLES:

1. A boy has 3 times as many sisters as he has brothers. The girl has just as many brothers, as she has sisters. Now how many brothers and sisters were there?

2. What do we often catch but never see?

3. What paper makes the best kite?

4. What goes on and on but never comes anywhere?

5. What bed is soft, well covered and nicely made yet you mean to be slept in? What kind of a bed is it?

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

1. 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

2. A passing remark.

3. Fly paper.

4. Because it makes me, ma-d.

5. A clock.

6. Flower bed.

CHARACTER SKETCHES
1. Edward Madsen, Mottos and muds.

2. John Mullen, Impudent and amusing.

3. Elsie Jorgensen, Working by the clock.

4. Verna Mullen, Talkative.

5. Blanche Jorgensen, Drawing mind visions.

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1938 PROSPECTS

THE ABUNDANT rains and moisture from Spring snow storms in this district have given a great deal of much needed encouragement to the dry land farmers. Not for many years has the prospect looked so good, and while it is far too early as yet to hazard any guess as to the final outcome, it is now certain that the crop will get off to a flying start. But that is only a start. There are many hazards yet to be faced: grass hoppers, cut worms, hail, frost, prices and worst of all the hot dry winds of June and July. It is a great tribute to the men on the land who have faced so many years of adversity that they are willing to try it again and we wish them every success.

Due to the rains and late Spring a part of the seeding has been done on the dry lands, while the irrigation farmer has hardly had a chance to plow a furrow so far, and it will be quite a few days yet, even in dry weather, before he will be able to go to work in earnest. The season may be late, but this may not be a great handicap in view of the abundance of natural rainfall.

A BOARD OF PROPAGANDA

THE SOCIAL Credit Board, which has had appropriated for its purposes \$100,000 of good Canadian Dollars out of the pockets of Alberta tax payers, has managed to get itself organized with a flock of new titles, new members and new objectives.

With G. L. MacLachlan as Chairman and "Director of Legislation and Technical Work," W. E. Hayes as "Director of Information," A. J. Hooke and Lloyd M. Baker as "Directors of Public Relations" and "Publicity," and a host of other titles, rank private, the Board is all set to initiate the citizens of Alberta into the deeply veiled mysteries of the Social Credit theory, via the Propaganda route.

They ought to be willing enough to do it too. So would anybody else if he or she could get what these "home brew" experts expect to drag down by way of compensation for the 300 odd days they may consume themselves to have "worked" for the Province in their respective capacities. An income of \$8.00 each a day for 300 days, plus a seasonal indemnity of \$2000.00 and expenses charged to the Board is not to be sneezed at in a land not overflowing with milk and honey but where "poverty in the midst of plenty" abounds. If these lads keep their present gait, the "home folks," to use Mr. Aberhart's endearing term when about to pass the plate, will soon know where the "plenty" has gone to.

TAXES IN BRITAIN

THOSE OF US IN CANADA who are disposed to squawk at the in-roads taxation makes in our family budget ought to get a shock, if we knew just what John Bull will be asked to pay in the present fiscal year.

The basic tax on incomes has been boosted from 25% to 27½% or about \$1.37 on every \$5.00 of reported income. A married man with an income of \$10,000 will pay the treasury \$1,878. The tax on tea has been increased from 8 to 12 cents per pound, that on gasoline from 16 to 18 cents a gallon, and so on down the scale.

John Bull, in spite of all this, will require to borrow probably a billion dollars over and above income to meet the estimated expenditures of five billion dollars during the year.

For what purpose? Fear of war and to defend the shores of Britain, her possessions and dependencies and her commerce in the seven seas is the answer. What is Canada doing? The answer is NOTHING. Or, we are not forgetting the few batteries of ancient guns that Mr. Mackenzie had placed near Victoria and Vancouver or the four second hand discarded ships of war that patrol the Pacific from the International boundary to Alaska. We still say the answer is NOTHING.

And yet we boast of being part and parcel, and we like to think of ourselves as being a very important part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Or are we just a bunch of cheap skates and chisellers depending first on the force of Britain's military maintained by the British Taxpayer, and, if that fails us, on the Stars and Stripes. Sometimes we wonder why the British Taxpayer stands for it at all, and does not tell us to go hang ourselves on our own defences.

THE IRISH PACT

NOT THE LEAST of the many great achievements of the British Government in recent months, admittedly troublous, is the signing of the agreement with the Irish Free State, after negotiations with Mr. De Valera and Mr. Chamberlain. To effect an agreement with Southern Ireland after four years of the most strenuous and land annuities dispute, or, for that matter on any point on which an Irishman wants to fight, is a worthwhile achievement in itself.

After the latter refused to pay \$200,000 a year on account of land annuities, Great Britain slapped on excessive duties on imports from Erin. Perhaps the Mother Country did not feel it so greatly, but certainly the people of Ireland with the great British Markets closed to them for the most part, suffered tremendously.

By the agreement Britain will accept a lump sum of \$50,000,000, and certain ports, which the British have occupied for the purpose of defence, will be turned over to Ireland, which has agreed to fortify them as defensive units. Practically the last vestige of control which Great Britain formerly exercised will disappear, and Ireland will be left to work out her own destinies, as an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Paradoxically, and perhaps the strangest news of the day, to those who cannot understand the Irish Temperament, is the agreement reached between Mr. DeValera and Mr. Cosgrave, representing a country where 90% or better of the total population is Catholic to appoint as First President of Eire, Mr. Douglas Hyde, a Gaelic scholar and a Protestant. However such a procedure is not unprecedented in Ireland for Robert Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Lord Robert Fitzgerald, and Charles Stewart Parnell were all Protestants and were selected by the Irish to lead them in the cause of Irish Nationalism.

PICTURE AND RETAIL EXPENDITURES

MOTION PICTURE receipts, like retail sales, appear to provide a fairly sensitive index of the general expenditure of the public. In Canada this trend has been observed in both fields, and both increased in 1936. Motion Picture receipts declined in 1933 to 64.7 compared to 1930 while retail sales fell the level of 64.4 per cent on the same comparison. In 1936 however retail sales had recovered to 76.7 per cent while motion picture receipts rose only to 77 per cent of the 1930 level. It is noted that before the figure of 1930 is regained the public will require to spend for these purposes better than 20 per cent more than it did in 1936. In these figures are any indication of the general prosperity level in Canada, it is obvious that there is still a lot of slack to be taken up before the 1930 level is regained.

"O WAD SOME POWER THE GIFTIE GIE US
TO SEE OURSELVES AS ITERS SEE US"—Burns.

From Our Exchange Columns

SHOULD ENCOURAGE THRIFT

THE DISTRICT should organize some form of a co-operative saving institution for the purpose of encouraging thrift and saving among the people. By careful and astute management such an organization could accomplish a great deal.

Of course the members should be carefully selected, for after all speculative ventures are not part of a thrift program. The production of wealth is only obtained by applying labor to natural resources. And the producers should be enabled and encouraged to save a portion of the wealth they produce.

The world of business and the finance is never stable. It always has its ups and downs. The young west has been too eagerly looking for the "ups" when experiences proves that the "downs" occur just as frequently.

This District has stable production, thanks to the insurance against drought provided by irrigation. Through the obtaining of the land and irrigation works, the people have security of tenure. A most important thing is to give further security by providing a method of regular saving, and an encouragement so to do.

When we have no fears of the future for this District, we would like to see the people adopt a constructive policy along the line of preserving a portion of the hard-won wealth in such a way that it would be available if, as and when dire need should occur.

There is already on the statute books of the province legislation which provides for the formation of savings associations.—The Brooks Bulletin.

WHAT CONSTITUTES ECONOMIC INSECURITY

THE RECENT enactment of the Alberta Legislature imposing a tax of seven per cent on all farm production has raised the valid objection that this is a higher tax than can be borne by the farmer. It is the same objection that has been so strongly voiced in recent years that interest rates were too high. With such objections it may be timely to attempt to discover just how such a high rate may be without becoming too high.

An economic survey made some years ago to determine the rate of permanent wealth increase, whether the rate of production in all its branches showed that the wealth of the United States over a period of 60 years has increased at a normal rate of four per cent per year. A peculiar fact disclosed was that this rate of increase has been very steady from year to year, with a slight variation downward during business depressions and less sharp increase in good times than might be expected. Stock markets may move up or down as they will, but the real wealth of the country remains very steady.

From such a survey it is definitely shown that so long as capital is borrowed for the expansion of business, the borrower is on safe ground if he can secure money at less than four per cent but when he goes above four per cent in obligating himself, he is attempting the impossible from sound economics. If the lender gets even four per cent, he is thereby taking all the normal increase of wealth and leaving no surplus for the producer.

The same survey showed that in some lines of intensive agriculture it is sometimes possible to secure an abnormally large increase of permanent wealth. Such instances are confined within narrow limits where markets are good, prices high, and the producer takes a certain risk. Instances have been cited of increases as high as 40 per cent. But the law of averages still holds good in agriculture generally, and where there may be a very few of these "high spots" there are many more "low spots" and the general average remains constant. This being the case it is plainly evident that the agricultural producer cannot by any stretch of the imagination pay a tax of seven per cent of his production and continue in business. And particularly in grain farming where the average increase is below the general level, such a tax must spell economic disaster. It is plainly evident that no member of the Alberta legislature who helped impose such a tax has ever made an even superficial study of economics. Had they done so, the imposition of a seven per cent tax would have remained unthinkable. —Peace River Record.

ARMAMENT WORKERS ASK QUESTION

THE BRITISH Government, strong in its parliamentary majority, is able to override without much difficulty the weak opposition of the Labor Party in the House of Commons. But it is now compelled to realize that Labor has another power to which it wields at elections, the power by which it is its own members and organs the services they can render or withhold in the workshops.

A moment has now arrived when the Government requires, for the success of its defense policy, a special effort on the part of labor. It considers it essential that its rearmament program should be accelerated, and for this end requires the fullest possible use of existing manufacturing plant, the employment to the utmost of the available skilled workers, the suspension of many trade union rules and the dilution of labor. It desires to bring together employers and employees to agree upon schemes in the face of what is regarded as a national emergency.

The most important body of men concerned is the Amalgamated Engineering Union. Its members are 340,000 skilled workers on whom the success of the defense program largely depends. It is a question of the utmost importance that it has its rights through organizations of collective bargaining. Whether any of its regulations are justifiable or not, their suspension in time of emergency can only be secured with the consent of the men.

So when Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defense, made his appeal to the Union leaders, he at once found himself face to face with exactly the same sort of criticism which Labor members had expressed in the House of Commons; but it was criticism in this case which could not be lightly argued away. Were the arms produced to be sold to hostile countries? Would the Spanish Government be permitted to purchase arms for its defense? Would the private manufacturers of arms be allowed to make undue profits, or would their profits be severely restricted?

Broadly speaking the Union asked to be informed what was the purpose of the rearmament which they were to assist and in accordance with what foreign policy. Such power as the engineers possess is obviously capable of being used for social interests and against the interest of the country as a whole. But that is not the position today. The men are simply saying that if they are required to make exceptional sacrifices, they must be satisfied that the emergency is a real one and that the object is good and that their patriotism is not to be exploited to benefit profiteers.

They stand in this case for the whole body of labor opinion in the country, and for no small part of the rest of the public. There is a danger of a strike, and their attitude is simply a sharp reminder to the government that before calling upon patriotism of the workers it must take them into its confidence and justify its measures.—Christian Science Monitor.

Soyabean Builds New Industry

Glazgow.—The soybean, almost unknown outside the Orient at the beginning of the century, is responsible for an important new industry which has now established itself on Clydeside.

At Shieldhall, near here, a £120,000 factory has been erected. Here soybeans from Manchuria are fed into a substitute linseed oil and meal for stockfeeding. The output is to be about 40,000 tons of meal and 9,000 tons of oil.

The soybean—the "50-service bean"—has suddenly become important in Britain. A tax has been imposed upon it by the Government and soybean seeds are being sent from Britain to many other parts of Europe. The British Ford Motor Company has such confidence in the future of the soybean that it is growing a considerable amount on its model estate.

It is called the 60-service bean because of its many uses. Not merely is it possible to obtain a substitute linseed oil from the bean, but it is also possible to manufacture an oil for lacquer to be used on the coating of automobile bodies. The auto producer also can obtain soybean steering wheels and dashboard knobs, made from a substance like bakelite which can be obtained from the bean.

Makepeace

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6. Ester Schackor.—Happy and lady like.
7. Lola Bulger.—Unconqueror.
8. Maxie Nall.—A touchy reactor.
9. Johnny Jorgensen.—Bashful.
10. Billy Jorgensen.—A character of a baseball hero.
11. Lola Nall.—A smiling full moon.
12. Betty-Ann Jorgensen.—A proud singer.
13. Shirley Martin.—de-lovely and shy.
14. Leah Bulger.—Impatient but truthful.
15. Rena Mullen.—A book worm.
16. Dorothy Mullen.—A super artist.
17. Donald Nall.—Beastor of biology.
18. Donald Jorgensen.—A new Prim.

Baseball practice at Makepeace May 28th will be held. All those interested in playing ball should attend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jorgensen and family spent Saturday evening in Bassano.

Mr. E. Bray made a business call in Bassano on Saturday.

Home Cured Ham Supper

The Ladies' Aid of the Knox Presbyterian Church are holding a Supper of Home Cured Ham, Stuffed Potatoes, etc., etc., in Harvey Smith's office on Saturday afternoon, May 14th, from 5.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Church Announcements

St. Columbus' Church

BASSANO, ALTA.

MASSSES—2nd Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock or 11 o'clock alternately 5th Sunday of the month at 9 o'clock

Special Devotions will be announced as the occasion arises.

REV. JAMES MOHROR—PASTOR

Church of England

BASSANO, ALTA.

Sunday, May 28th, 1936.

Holy Communion and Sermon at 11

Rev. John Taylor.

Knox Presbyterian Church

"MOTHER'S DAY" services.

11.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

Evening Service at 7.30 a.m.

Everybody Welcome

Speaker: Mr. Richard Main.

The dance held at Makepeace, April 23rd, was a success.

The 1936 Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Madson was celebrated on May 1st.

The people of this community wish hereby to extend their heart-felt sympathy to Mr. P. Rodbourne and family on account of the recent death of Mrs. P. Rodbourne, who had many friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Helen M. Rodbourne spent the week-end visiting the Rodbourne girls.

Mr. N. G. Campbell said trucking was good but he stayed two days on a short trip.

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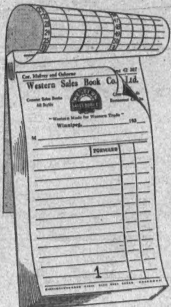
WEATHER

(Readings Taken from Meteorological Records kept at the Bassano Dam.)
Date Max. Min.
Thursday, April 29th 70 32
Saturday, April 30th 48 40
Sunday, May 1st 67 46
Monday, May 2nd 42 36
Tuesday, May 3rd 66 37
Wednesday, May 4th 64 42
Rainfall — 54 inches.

FOR SALE—Grain Alfalfa seed for sale. Apply A. D. Ferguson 15-17p

FOR SALE—For sale G.M.C. 11 ton truck, cheap. Apply Mrs. H. Dietz Mito Alberta.

Mrs. Zella Clark, of Calgary, arrived in Bassano last Friday to spend a few days at the home of Mrs. James Johnston. She returned to her home Tuesday evening.



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Town of Bassano

CLEAN-UP DAY

Citizens are hereby notified to clean up their premises on Wednesday, May 11th, 1936, for inspection by the Town Overseer.
By order of the Council,
Jas. R. Donaldson,
Sec'y.-Treas.

Interesting Items

You are invited to send in any items of interest for this column.

Mrs. F. Gayford was a Calgary visitor this week.

Mr. Jack Bence of Calgary is working for a time at the J. P. H. depot here.

Miss Rose Demetrowich spent the week-end in Calgary.

Mrs. A. McKee and Peggy were week-end visitors to Calgary.

Mrs. Harper, Bob and Margaret, were Calgary visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. Art Bowman and children are spending a week visiting in Medicine Hat.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson and son Verne are spending three weeks at Spry Lake, Alta.

Miss Betty Outton returned on Wednesday from Calgary where she underwent an operation recently.

Mr. Art Wiley returned the first of the week from Vancouver, where he spent a three-weeks holiday.

Miss Martha Scheiki, of Calgary, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scheiki of Bassano, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Summerbell of Brooks returned home Saturday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Summerbell.

Special Mass and Eucharistic Services will be held in the St. Columbus R.C. Church on Sunday May 24th, at 11 a.m. Father Morrow will officiate at the services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cliffrad and daughter Evelyn and Miss E. Andrews of Arrowwood, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Currie.

Mr. Ted Holmes, pilot for Prairie Airways of Calgary, and Mr. Win. Smith, instructor of the Calgary Aero Club, flew to Bassano in Mr. Holmes' Cessna on Friday of last week, where they visited friends.

Supper of Home Cured Ham, Scaloped potatoes, Salads, etc sponsored by the Ladies Aid of the Knox Presbyterian Church. Everyone welcome. Husbands come and bring the whole family.

THE TIME—5:30 to 8:00.
THE PLACE—Harvey Smith's office.
THE DATE—Saturday, May 14th.



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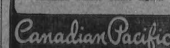
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